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Dear Sir:

In conjunction with applicant's response to the Requirement for Information, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicants further request that a copy of the Form 1449, initialed by the Examiner to indicate that all listed documents have been considered, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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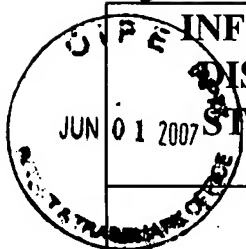
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